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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Heine et al.

Serial No. 09/764,766

Filed: January 16, 2001

For: BRUSHLESS SPINDLE DC MOTOR
USED AS AN ACTUATOR TO
CREATE RADIAL FORCE

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Enad, Elvin

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 17, 2001, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

672: (New) An apparatus for stabilizing the spin axis of a rotating system comprising a disc drive, said rotating system comprising:

a rotor carrying an inertial load comprising at least one disc and bearing means to support said rotor and said disc about said spin axis, and

motor means to cause rotation of said rotor about said spin axis comprising:

a first set of windings;

a source of drive current for causing relative rotation between said windings and said magnet; and

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